

## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20202

JAN 2 5 2007

Mr. Billy K. Cannaday, Jr. Superintendent of Public Instruction Virginia Department of Education P. O. Box 2120 Richmond, VA 23218



Dear Mr. Cannaday:

In June 2006, the U.S. Department of Education (Department) notified the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) that, as a result of VDOE having submitted inaccurate data on classes taught by highly qualified teachers (HQT) for the 2004-05 school year, conditions would be placed on Virginia's ESEA Title I, Part A and Title II, Part A grants for the FY 2006.

As you know, VDOE agreed to resolve the grant conditions by submitting complete and accurate HQT data for the 2005-06 school year by December 29, 2006. The Department received these data on December 21, 2006. The submitted data fully address the conditions; therefore, the Department considers the situation resolved and is, effective with this letter, removing the grant conditions on both the ESEA Title I, Part A and Title II, Part A grants. The VDOE has also agreed to submit the data changes through EDEN when the system opens for corrections in February.

We look forward to continuing to work with you and your staff to ensure that all teachers meet the highly qualified requirements and to help improve the delivery of services to teachers in Virginia.

Sincerely,

Raymond Simon Deputy Secretary

www.ed.gov